11. *Railways.*—Under Railways a receipt of only half a lakh is estimated, as against the current year's estimate of rupees one lakh, for reasons already stated in paragraph 3.

12. *Taxes on Income.*—A fall of Rs ·67 of a lakh is anticipated mainly under 'Income derived from business' due to the general slackness in trade during the current year.

13. *Forest.*—A revenue of Rs 15·66 lakhs only is estimated for 1106, based on the normal expectations from different sources, against Rs 16·26 lakhs for the current year, the anticipated decrease being under "Timber and other produce removed from the forests by Government Agency and consumers or purchasers—Royal trees and junglewood".

EXPENDITURE CHARGED TO REVENUE.

14. The total budgeted expenditure chargeable to revenue in the next year is Rs 248·77 lakhs or Rs 5·59 lakhs in excess of the revised estimate of the current year, which includes Rs 9·60 lakhs on account of the Murajapam (4·10 lakhs) and His Excellency the Viceroy's Visit (5·50 lakhs). If these two special items are excluded from the current year's expenditure of Rs 243·18 lakhs, the budgeted amount for the next year will be Rs 15·19 lakhs in excess of the normal expenditure of the current year. I shall now proceed to deal with the more important items contributing to this increase.

15. *Public Works.*—The budgeted expenditure from revenue is Rs 41·75 lakhs inclusive of working expenses deducted from Productive Irrigation Receipts. Full details of the proposed expenditure on works in progress and on new works are, as usual, given in the Appendices to the Budget Estimates.

The provisions made for works alone (excluding establishment charges and tools and plant) in the budget estimates of the current and ensuing years are compared below :—

Ordinary Public Works.

		1105.	*1106.*
		[in lakhs of Rupees.]	
i.	Buildings	5·49	5·39
ii.	Communications	23·94	24·35
iii.	Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1·20	1·26
	Protective Irrigation	2·19	2·00
	Productive Irrigation	·70	·73

It will be observed from the above, that while the allotment for buildings has been slightly reduced, an increase of Rs ·41 of a lakh has been made under Communications. The provision for works

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in progress includes Rs 4 lakhs for the Pallivasal-Neriamangalam road of which Rs 2 lakhs is for metalling the road. The schedule of new works includes provision for sinking wells in non-municipal areas and for sinking tube wells in the fishing villages in South Travancore. The allotment of Rs ·11 of a lakh provided in the P. W. D. budget for markets is in addition to Rs ·45 of a lakh provided in the Land Revenue budget.

16. *Education.*—The total expenditure budgeted for the next year is Rs 51·61 lakhs. This is Rs 6·23 lakhs in excess of the expected expenditure in the current year. The bulk of the increase is under Vernacular School Education and Grants-in-aid to Schools *viz.*, Rs 3·53 lakhs and Rs 1·51 lakhs respectively, due mainly to the lump sum provisions for payment of arrears of pay as per revision from 1st Chingom 1104 till the dates on which the revision of pay was given effect to in the several schools. The balance of the increase is spread over Collegiate Education (·32), English School Education (·46), Special School Education (·07) and Miscellaneous (excluding grants-in-aid) (·33). For several years past, it has become difficult for Travancore students to secure admission to technical Colleges, especially, the Engineering College at Madras and the proposals of Government for the reservation of a few seats annually in the Madras Engineering College for Travancore students on payment of a *per capita* subsidy were not accepted by the Madras Government. The Hindu University at Benares maintains an efficient Engineering College and its degrees are recognised all over India. The University authorities have been applying to this Government for financial help. This was taken advantage of, and the authorities were approached with a view to the reservation of a few seats for our students. They have agreed to make such reservation and have repeated the request for a contribution to the University Funds. It is proposed to contribute Bh. Rs 10,000 annually to the Funds of the University and a sum of Rs 10,179 has been provided for the purpose under Education—Miscellaneous.

Provision is also made for the introduction of Physical Education in the Colleges of Arts and Science and in the College for Women. The class in Indian Music which has been opened from the beginning of the current academic year has also been provided for. A lump sum provision of Rs ·30 of a lakh is made under Vernacular School Education for the appointment of additional teachers and for the opening of new schools for boys and girls.

17. *Medical and Sanitary.*—The provision for the next year is Rs 12·13 lakhs or Rs 1·28 lakhs more than the expected expenditure of the current year. On the Women's side of the Medical Service, provision is made for one Lady Assistant Surgeon

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for the Maternity Ward recently constructed in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon and for two Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeons to be posted to institutions which stand most in need of them. It is proposed to appoint a temporary Assistant Surgeon to supervise and co-ordinate the work of the four Sub-Assistant Surgeons who have been specially trained and deputed for Leprosy work. Provision is also made for three temporary Assistant Surgeons and five Sub-Assistant Surgeons for Plague duty. At the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalle, patients from Travancore have hitherto been admitted without any restriction. An annual grant of Rs 600 is now being made to the institution. The authorities have now appealed to Government for financial help. They find that applications for admission greatly exceed the number of patients who could be accommodated and they contemplate some substantial additions to the existing buildings. The Sanatorium authorities have therefore requested Government for a lump sum contribution of at least Rs 30,000 for the purpose. They have also pointed out that if no fairly substantial contribution is made by this Government, though it is far from their desire to discriminate against Travancore patients, at times of pressure, it might become necessary for them to prefer patients from the Madras Presidency, as the Government of Madras have been paying them heavy building contribution and annual grants. In view of the large number of Travancore patients that have been and are being treated at the Sanatorium, Government propose to make a contribution of Rs 15,000 in each of the years 1106 and 1107 to the institution and provision for the grant in 1106 is made in the budget. A capitation grant of Rs 500 per annum is being paid to the Missionary Medical School for Women at Vellore from August 1926 for training two Travancore students in the school. But, there are at present 30 lady students undergoing training and the school authorities have represented that the financial help now rendered by us is disproportionate to the benefits derived by the students of this State. As the period of the present capitation grant is about to expire, it is proposed to contribute Rs 1,000 per annum for a further period of 4 years. An allotment of Rs 1,000 is therefore included in the budget for payment of the grant in 1106.

18. *The Ayurveda department* is to be reorganised, and in place of the Director of Ayurveda, it is proposed to constitute an Advisory Board, consisting of the Inspector of Ayurveda, the Principal of the Ayurveda College, and three Non-official Ayurveda Vaidyans. The Board will advise Government, regarding the policy and working of the department, while the powers and duties hitherto centralised in the Director of Ayurveda will be distributed between

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the Inspector of Ayurveda and the Principal of the Ayurveda College, in respect of the institutions to be placed under their immediate control. An allotment of Rs 550 has been provided under 'Grants' for payment of grant-in-aid to the Ayurvedic Hospital at Nagercoil from 1st Chingom 1106.

19. Under *Sanitary*, provision is made for the six temporary Conservancy stations opened in 1105 being made permanent, for opening two more Conservancy stations at Oachira and Munambam, for the supply of sterilising sets to Vaccinators and Conservancy Overseers of the department and for opening a class for training a fresh batch of vaccinators.

An allotment of Rs ·75 of a lakh is provided for working the Public Health programme forwarded by Dr. Jacocks, Honorary Advisor to Government in Public Health matters. The programme of work proposed for the current year consisted of the following items :—

i. Organisation of office staff.
ii. Hookworm Survey.
iii. Malaria (spleen) survey.
iv. Entomologist work—Malaria, Filariasis and Plague.
v. Public Health Education.
vi. Maternity and Child Welfare.
vii. The selection of area for beginning health unit work and the development of the necessary staff.

Of the above, items (i), (ii), (v) and a part of item (iv) dealing with Filariasis alone, were put into operation during 1105 and out of Rs ·60 of a lakh sanctioned for the year, Rs ·34 of a lakh only is expected to be spent. The allotment of Rs ·75 of a lakh for 1106 is for the extension of work already taken up and for new items of work, the details of which will be settled in consultation with the Honorary Advisor.

20. *Army.*—The Military expenditure is expected to exceed the revised estimate by Rs 1·09 lakhs and this increase is mainly due to the provision of Rs ·17 of a lakh for the revision of pay of officers and men of the Second Battalion, of Rs ·27 of a lakh for the purchase of ammunition, of Rs ·20 of a lakh under equipment and clothing and of Rs ·15 of a lakh for purchase of horses for His Highness' Body Guard.

21. *The Police* department comes in for an increase of Rs ·62 of a lakh. Besides the continuance of the temporary staff for the motor section of the Police Headquarters Office and the District

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Police offices, provision is made for an additional 2nd Grade Inspector and one Head Constable on account of increase in traffic work and for raising the minimum and maximum pay of the constables from Rs 9 to Rs. 11 and from Rs 13 to Rs 14 respectively and for increasing the strength of the Constabulary in the last grade by 100, on account of a general increase in traffic and other items of work.

22. — *Scientific and Miscellaneous departments* share an increase of Rs ·71 of a lakh of which Rs ·60 of a lakh is for expenses in connection with the Census of 1931. Provision is made in the Budget of the Co-operative Department for a revision of the strength and scale of pay of the office staff, for the entertainment of additional temporary Inspectors and for the continuance of those already entertained on a temporary basis. Provision has also been made for grants to Co-operative Supervising Unions, Co-operative Conferences and for grants to Group Secretaries of Co-operative Societies of depressed classes.

23. Under *General Administration*, in addition to the provision for the continuance of the temporary staff in the English and Vernacular Records, provision is made for an additional staff of five clerks in the Account Office to cope with the increased volume of work in connection with the grant of time-scale of pay as against fixed pay to nearly 7500 teachers of Vernacular Schools. A lump provision of Rs ·10 of a lakh is made for the appointment of an Electoral Rolls Officer and staff in connection with the General Elections to the Legislative Council to be held in 1106.

24. *Administration of Justice.*—Provision is made for the continuance of the Third Bench in the High Court, as also for the continuance of all the temporary Judges' Courts, Munsiffs' Courts and the Sirkar Vakils' Offices including the one newly sanctioned at Alleppey. Provision has also been made for the office of the Commissioner for Enquiry into Law's Delays in Civil Courts till 16th Dhanu 1106 and for a slight strengthening of the office staff to cope with the increased work expected in 1106.

25. Increased provision has been made for the development departments of which the Agricultural and Fisheries department receives an increase of Rs ·28 of a lakh. Provision is included in the estimates for 1106, for the purchase of apparatus for conducting investigations into the alkaline soils of South Travancore, for the grant of study leave for two years to the Agricultural Bacteriologist to undergo training in America in General Agriculture and Soil Bio-chemistry, for the purchase of two standard 4 H. P. Tractors for purposes of demonstration in ploughing, for the continuance of the three Inspectors and staff for carrying on intensive propaganda work in some taluks of the State, for the continuance

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of the Agricultural Schools at Alwaye and Kottarakara and for the new school at Koni. In the Fisheries Branch, provision is made for the opening of two more Fish Curing Yards with a view to the development of the fish curing industry and the improvement of the sanitary conditions of the fishermen's villages.

As the Imperial Institute of London reported that there is a good market in England for our *konna-tanned* leather, it is proposed to forward a trial consignment with a view to watch its effects in the London market, the expenditure being first met by an advance to the Industries Department to be recouped from the sale proceeds.

26. *Anchal.*—The allotment for 1106 includes provision for raising the minimum and maximum pay of delivery peons from Rs 9 to Rs 10 and from Rs 13 to Rs. 14 respectively and also, for a re-arrangement of the total number of peons in different grades so as to facilitate promotions.

27. Other proposals of some importance for which provision has been made in the budget are:—

Land Revenue.—Provision is made for an additional staff for the Trivandrum Division Cutcherry in connection with the acquisition of lands for the Chakay-Tampanoor Railway Extension and Trivandrum Water Works to be debited finally to Capital Account, for the temporary staff for sub-dividing the large minor circuits in certain taluks of the State, for the special staff for the survey and demarcation of 135 miles of ryots' roads in the Pattanamttitta taluk and for adding a Theodolite branch to the Central Survey School at Trivandrum.

Excise.—Provision is made for an additional staff for the Peermade Excise Range and for the continuance of the special Excise staff entertained in connection with the introduction of local option at Changanachery.

Forest budget includes provision for the continuance of the special staff for the disposal of claims to kudivila on Royal trees removed from private lands.

28. *Banking Enquiry Committee.*—In pursuance of the suggestion of the Government of India who have undertaken an enquiry into the banking conditions in India, a Committee of officials and non officials was appointed in December 1929 to enquire into and report on the banking conditions in Travancore. The Committee's programme of work includes *inter alia* an intensive survey of certain typical villages in the State with a view to ascertain the extent of the indebtedness of the agriculturists and

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a survey of Urban Trade interest in order to ascertain the conditions of trade. The organisation of a land mortgage bank in Travancore, with a view to relieve to some extent the agricultural indebtedness in the State, the provision of additional trade and banking facilities and the amendments to the Chitty, Co-operative and Company Regulations are some of the important matters which are expected to be dealt with by the Committee. The Committee is also collecting evidence as to the working of the Agricultural and Land Improvement Loans Regulation IX of 1094. The report of the Committee is expected to be ready by the end of Kanni 1106.

29. *Rebate of duty on petrol.*—The Indian Road Development Committee constituted by the Government of India recommended that the duty on petrol be raised from four to six annas per gallon and that a portion of the revenue derived by such enhancement be apportioned among the Indian States as well, the basis of such apportionment being fixed on the total petrol consumption. In accordance with the above recommendation, the Government of India have raised the duty from 1st April 1929. The question of our share of the proceeds of the additional petrol tax is under correspondence.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE NOT CHARGED TO REVENUE.

30. *Railways—Chackay-Tampanoor Extension.*—The aggregate expenditure to the end of the current year on the Extension is expected to be Rs 12·65 lakhs. The balance of Rs 6·5 lakhs out of the sanctioned estimate of Rs 19·15 lakhs is budgeted for 1106. The lands required for the extension have mostly been acquired and the Special Land Acquisition Office is proposed to be closed at the end of the current year leaving the unfinished work and any new work that might come in to be attended to by the Land Revenue Department with the aid of the small additional staff proposed for the Division Cutcherry, Trivandrum.

Quilon-Trivandrum line.—A provision of Rs ·57 of a lakh is made for capital works on the line, as detailed in Appendix G of the budget.

31. *Trivandrum Water Works.*—Out of the sanctioned estimate of Rs 46·22 lakhs for the works to be immediately executed, a sum of Rs 17·46 lakhs is anticipated to be spent up to the end of 1105. The work is well in progress. The transport of the pipes to the pipe track in the main supply line is expected to be completed before the close of the year. The trenching and supports have been put in hand and are in progress. At Aruvikkarai, the blasting out of the foundation trench for the dam has been completed and the trench lowered

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